GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:23
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
TRAIN ACCIDENT IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a train accident took place on February 10, 2000 in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the loss of life and property therein;

(d) the compensation paid to the families of deceased and injured passengers;

(e) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A bomb blast occurred in 3152 Down Jammu Tawi-Sealdah Express resulting in derailment of train engine and seven coaches.

(c) 5 persons were killed and 7 persons were injured in the accident. The provisional damage to Government propertyin this accident was Rs.85,48,060.

(d) Compensation will be paid after the claim is made and the decree is passed by the Railway Claims Tribunal. However, the next of the kin of the deceased and the injured persons have been given ex-gratia payment as per rules.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Inquiry is under process.